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SUBJECT: ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON TODMAN

REFERENCE: STATE 110181 (NOTAL)

1. ON MAY 19, ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR TO THE US, GUSTAVO YCAZA, CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN. THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED:

A. HUMAN RIGHTS - YCAZA BEGAN BY STATING THAT THE GOE COULD NOT BE MORE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE USG'S POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND EXPLAINED ECUADOR'S LONG TRADITION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES. HE ADDED THAT THE GOE DID NOT LIKE TO BE GRADED BY OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT IT WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE AN A. HE CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT THE GOE HOPED THE USG WOULD NOT BASE ITS ENTIRE FOREIGN POLICY ON THE SINGLE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

TODMAN REPLIED THAT WE WERE GLAD TO GET ECUADOR'S VIEWS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE USG WANTED TO REAWAKEN THE CONSCIENCES OF PEOPLE - NOT ON THE BASIS OF STRICTLY US PROPOSALS, BUT ON THE BASIS OF THE UNITED NATIONS-ADOPTED UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THE INTER-AMERICAN

DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MAN, AND THE CONSTITUTIONS OF MOST COUNTRIES. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT LATIN AMERICA (LA) WOULD BE ABLE TO GET TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY WITH COMMON INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT. HE SUGGESTED THE OAS AND THE UN AS SITES FOR MEETINGS. HE NOTED THAT EACH CHIEF OF STATE HE MET ON HIS RECENT TRIP SAID THAT HE AGREED WITH THE USG POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. THEREFORE, IT IS NOW A MATTER OF HOW DO WE CREATE PROCEDURES AND MECHANISMS THAT RECOGNIZE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY BUT THAT PROMOTE BASIC HUMAN VALUES, AND THAT LEAVE THE US AS JUST ONE OF MANY NATIONS INTERESTED IN THIS NOBLE CAUSE.

B. RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT - YCAZA SAID THAT THE GOE WAS SINCERE IN ITS DESIRE TO RETURN ECUADOR TO A CONSTITUTIONAL, DEMOCRATIC REGIME. HE NOTED THAT MANY ECUADOREANS WERE WORRIED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF FORMER MAYOR OF GUAYAQUIL ASAAD BUCARAM WINNING THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, BUT THAT NOTHING SERIOUS WOULD HAPPEN EVEN IF THAT EVENT SHOULD OCCUR.

TODMAN REPLIED THAT THE USG WAS PLEASED WITH DEVELOPMENTS, AND HAD FAITH IN THE GOE'S ABILITY TO COMPLETE THE RETURN. HE ADDED THAT A SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PLAN WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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AN EXAMPLE TO OTHER COUNTRIES, AND, THEREFORE, WAS TERRIBLY IMPORTANT.

C. SECURITY IN THE ANDEAN SUBREGION - YCAZA SAID THAT THE GOE WAS CONCERNED BY THE ARMS IMBALANCE, AND WAS PLEASED THAT THE USG WAS LOOKING CAREFULLY AT THE SITUATION (REFERRING TO THE DEMARCHE OUTLINED IN REFTEL). HE SAID THAT PERU'S ATTITUDE WAS A CONTRADICTION OF WHAT PERU PREACHED (REFERRING TO THE DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO, WE BELIEVE) AND A CONTRADICTION OF LOGIC (REFERRING TO PERU'S ENCIRCLEMENT THESIS, WE BELIEVE). HE CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT PERU'S ARMS PURCHASES WERE OUT OF PROPORTION TO THE ACTUAL SITUATION.

D. KFIR AIRCRAFT - YCAZA THEN WENT RIGHT ON TO RAISE THE RECENTLY APPROVED ISRAELI SALE OF KFIR FIGHTER AIRCRAFT TO AUSTRIA. HE ASKED HOW HE COULD EXPLAIN TO THE GOE THAT USG APPROVAL SO SOON AFTER THE USG'S VETO OF THE PROPOSED ISRAELI KFIR SALE TO ECUADOR IN FEBRUARY.

TODMAN REPLIED THAT THE USG WAS STILL DEFINING ITS ARMS SALES POLICY, BUT IT HAD ALREADY DECIDED NOT TO INTRODUCE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS IN LA. HE ADDED THAT THE USG WAS PLEASED THAT LA DEVOTED A SMALLER PERCENTAGE OF ITS RE-SOURCES TO ARMS PURCHASES THAN ANY OTHER REGION. HE SAID

THAT THE USG WANTED TO ENCOURAGE A CONTINUATION OF THAT TREND, AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL GOVERNMENTS TO FOCUS ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT INSTEAD OF ARMS PURCHASES. HE CONTINUED THAT THE USG HAD A RESPONSIBILITY THAT GOES BEYOND SHORT-TERM, IMMEDIATE GOALS OF THE MOMENT, AND MUST LOOK TO THE LONG-TERM GOAL OF A BETTER WORLD. HE MENTIONED THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS SERIOUS IN HIS OAS SPEECH ABOUT USG RESTRAINT, AND ABOUT DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE WITH SUPPLIERS AS WELL AS BUYERS. TODMAN CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT THE CASE OF AUSTRIA WAS DISTINCT BECAUSE THAT COUNTRY

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IS IN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT AREA OF THE WORLD - AN AREA WHERE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS HAVE BEEN IN PLACE FOR DECADES. HE EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS NOT A QUESTION OF OUR HAVING BETTER FEELINGS TOWARDS AUSTRIA THAN WE DO TOWARDS ECUADOR.

E. 1974 TRADE ACT'S DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ECUADOR - YCAZA EXPLAINED THAT THE ISSUE OF THE TRADE ACT'S DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ECUADOR WAS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE FOR THE GOE, AND WAS NOT A MATTER OF DOLLARS. HE ADDED THAT THE GOE WOULD FEEL ENCOURAGED TO HELP THE USG WITH THE OVERALL PICTURE OF THE WORLD THAT TODMAN HAD JUST PAINTED IF THERE WAS AN AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE THE DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT OF ECUADOR.

TODMAN EXPLAINED THE MANY DIFFICULTIES AND THE INTERNAL DEBATES WITHIN THE USG ON THIS ISSUE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT NO ONE IN STATE HAD ANY OBJECTION TO REMOVING ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA FROM THE EXCLUSION LIST. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT WE WERE TRYING TO MOVE ON THIS ISSUE.

F. GULF OIL SELL-OUT - TODMAN ASKED WHERE THE GULF MATTER STOOD. YCAZA REPLIED THAT IT WAS COMING ALONG, THAT THE GOE HAD HAD SOME TROUBLE EARLIER LINING UP LENDERS FOR THE MONEY WITH WHICH TO PAY GULF, BUT THAT EVERYTHING WAS ALL RIGHT NOW.

2. YCAZA CONCLUDED THE CALL BY MENTIONING THAT HE HAD BEEN IN NEW YORK CITY ON MAY 18 TO WORK ON ONE OF HIS IDEAS, WHICH IS TO BRING A GROUP OF ECUADOREAN BUSINESSMEN TO THE US TO PROMOTE TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE IS THINKING OF HAVING TWO-DAY PROGRAMS OF BUSINESS PLUS

ECUADOREAN CULTURE AND FOLKLORE IN NEW YORK CITY, CHICAGO,  
AND SAN FRANCISCO, POSSIBLY BEGINNING THIS NOVEMBER.  
TODMAN ENCOURAGED THE IDEA, AND MENTIONED THAT HE AND MRS.  
CARTER WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO VISITING QUITO.

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3. COMMENT: THE MEETING WAS THE MOST OPEN, CANDID, AND  
FRIENDLY SESSION THAT YCAZA HAS EXPERIENCED IN THE DEPART-

MENT SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN FEBRUARY. THUS, HE LEFT GLOWING  
ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US  
AND LATIN AMERICA IN GENERAL, AND BETWEEN THE US AND  
ECUADOR IN PARTICULAR.

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